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To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Food,
(New Delhi)

Dated Chepauk, the 28th May 1949.

Sir,

Food situation - Province of Madras -
Report for the fortnight ending 15th
May 1949 - Forwarded.

I am directed to forward herewith five copies of the report on the food situation in the Province of Madras for the fortnight ending 15th May 1949.

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for Secretary.

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To all Sections in the office except E F I Current and Account Sections.

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*Revised figures with reference to the monthly reports received from the Collectors

III. Review of Progress of procurement, Basic plan Movements, etc.

(i) Progress of procurement: The following statement shows the progress of procurement during and upto the fortnight ended 30-4-1949:

Foodgrains	Target for kharif year 1948-49 (i.e.) from 1-11-48 to 31-10-49	Quantity procured during the fortnight ended 15th April 1949	Quantity procured during the fortnight ended 30th April 1949	Total quantity procured from 1-11-48 to 30-4-1949	Percentage of total procurement to target.
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	
Rice	15,14,900	63,202	50,222	9,10,459	60.1%
Millets	1,68,850	3,989	4,966	28,121	16.7%

The fall in procurement of rice was due to the conclusion of the harvest of the first crop in the several districts.

(ii) Basic Plan Movements:

(a) Rice

Against the 5000 tons of Overseas rice allotted for May 1949, 3162 tons have been received as shown below:-

	Quota allotted
Ex SS 'Bahadur' dated 10-5-1949	727 tons
Ex SS 'Filadelfos' dated 15-5-49	1000 "
Ex SS 'Binfield'	1435 "
Total	3162

Intimation of the names of steamers supplying the balance of 1838 tons (5000 minus 3162) is awaited).

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Coorg	266 "
C.P. States	186 "
Vindya Pradesh	291 "
Overseas	1727 "
Total	4024 "

(b) Millets and maize:

A quantity of 3852 tons of overseas maize ex SS'Canosa' (arrived at Madras Port on 7-5-1949) was received during the fortnight.

The Government of India have indicated a further allotment of 9000 tons of overseas milo, for May 1949 ex SS 'Vessiles' which is expected at Cochin Port about the end of this month.

About two months have elapsed since the Orissa Government intimated to this Province about the allocation to it of their entire provisional surplus of about 4600 tons of ragi, jowar and bajra under the Basic plan and still full particulars regarding the stocks and places of supply have not been furnished to the Special Officer for Rice, Vizagapatam. The Orissa Government have been reminded to render all facilities to the Special Officer in lifting of the quotas.

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Report on the Food situation in the Province of Madras during the First Fortnight of May, 1949

1. WEATHER CONDITIONS AND CROP PROSPECTS:

The rainfall during the fortnight was moderate in Visakhapatnam, West Godavari, Krishna, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Malabar, South Kanara and the Nilgiris, fair in East Godavari, Anantapur, Nellore, Chingleput, South Arcot, Chittoor, Salem, Tanjore, Guntur, Mathurai and Ramnad and light or nil in the other districts.

Water supply was inadequate in East Godavari, Kurnool, Anantapur, Chingleput, Chittoor, North Arcot, Salem, Tiruchirapalli, Ramnad and in parts of Bellary, Nellore, South Arcot, Mathurai and Tirunelveli.

The condition of standing crops was poor in Chingleput, North Arcot, Coimbatore and Ramnad; not promising in Kurnool, unsatisfactory in Chittoor and generally fair in the other districts. Paddy crop was affected by pests in parts of two taluks of South Arcot and in Ramnad. Standing crops on a major extent in Chingleput second crop paddy underrainfed tanks in Kurnool and crops in parts of Chittoor, North Arcot and Ramnad had weathered or were withering for want of adequate rain or water supply.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in East Godavari, Nellore and Coimbatore and in parts of West Godavari, of cholam in Coimbatore and of ragi in Salem and Tiruchirapalli. The outturn of paddy was poor to fair in East Godavari, fair to normal in Nellore and Coimbatore and fair in parts of West Godavari while the outturn of millets was poor to fair in Salem and generally fair in the districts.

II. Extent to which Rationing has been undertaken:

(i) Nature of existing Government commitments

At the beginning of the fortnight under review statutory rationing was in force in 69 municipal areas, one panchayat area and in Madras City and its suburban areas.

There was also rationing on a non-statutory basis in the rural areas of all deficit districts. As regards the surplus districts, distribution of foodgrains was made through relief shops in the upland taluks of Guntur and Nellore districts; in all other areas, distribution of foodgrains was made through retail agencies.

(ii) Towns/Areas brought under Rationing during the fortnight

The introduction or regular rationing (Statutory and rural) has been completed in all the deficit districts in this Province and is in progress in the deficit pockets (upland taluks in the surplus districts of East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Nellore and in the municipal towns of Rajahmundry (East Godavari), Vijayawada (Krishna), Guntur, Ongole, Chirala and Narasaraopet (Guntur).

(iii) Population involved separately for towns and rural areas

Areas	Adults	Children	Total in terms of adults.
Areas under rural rationing	2,76,37,512*	91,52,911	3,22,13,968
Statutorily rationed areas	46,48,203	13,33,447	53,14,927
Areas covered by relief shops	5,67,119	2,42,130	6,88,184

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(c) Wheat and Wheat products:-

2500 tons of wheat ex SS 'Glovanni Amentola' were received in the fortnight.

The quota of wheat and wheat products for May 1949 has been fixed at 10,000 tons. Of this quantity 6000 tons are expected to be received in 3 steamers which will arrive in the second fortnight.

(d) Gram:-

A quantity of 1060 tons of gram and 100 tons of dhall was in transit to Madras from the East Punjab States Union during the fortnight under report and the total receipts upto the end of the fortnight from this source, amounted to 9040 tons of gram, 3400 tons of dhall and 1600 tons of Bosan (flour). The balance quota is expected to be moved shortly.

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Arrangements are being made to expedite the despatch of the 30,000 maunds of gram of acceptable quality from the Vindhya Pradesh Union.

III. Ration (Scales and composition and off-take:

(a) Statutory rationing -

There was no change in the overall ration during the fortnight under review.

In view of the improved stock position in regard to wheat and semolina in this Province, the issue of wheat and semolina in lieu of the rice portion of the ration has also been permitted, if the consumers so desire. The composition of rations to all cardholders in the statutorily and informally rationed areas was, therefore, as follows with effect from 1-5-1949.

I. Rice eaters:	8 oz. rice, wheat and/or semolina plus 2 oz. of semolina plus 2 oz. wheat, semolinam Maize, maize flour milo, and/or local millets according to availability.
II. Mixed diet eaters	4 oz. rice, wheat and/or semolina plus 2 oz. semolina, plus 6 oz. wheat, zemolina, maiso, maize flour, milo and/or local millets according to availability.
III. Millet eaters	2 oz. rice, wheat and/or semolina plus 2 oz. semolina plus 8 oz. wheat, semolina, maizo, maize flour milo and/ or local millets according to availability.

NOTE: (1) Total ration not to exceed 12 oz. of cereals per adult per day or 12 oz of baker's bread plus 2 oz of semolina.

(2) Baker's bread is issued to all cardholders towards their rice and/or non-rice portion except towards the 2 oz of extra semolina

(3) The taking of maizo, milo, local millets wheat and/or semolina is optional.

The offtake of foodgrains during the four weekly month of April 1949 was as follows:-*

Rice	13,287	tons
Rice, Wheat and wheat products	2,913	tons
other grains	1,150	tons
	37,350	tons

*Revised figures with reference to the latest monthly reports received from the Rationing Officers.

(The off-take figures excludes the off-take in the five municipal areas in Coimbatore district wherein statutory rationing was introduced on 17-4-1949.).

(b) Rural rationing: The scale and composition of the ration applicable to the statutorily rationed areas as under item iii(a) above is also applicable to the rural rationed areas. The off-take of foodgrains from the rural ration shops during April 1949 (four weeks only) was as follows:-

Rice	60,220 tons
Wheat and wheat products	2,047 tons
other grains	12,368 tons
	74,635 tons

*Revised figures with reference to the latest monthly reports received from the Collectors.

(c) Distribution through relief shops in unrationed areas:

Relief shops were functioning during the fortnight under review only in the upland taluks of Guntur and Nellore districts:-

The offtake through relief shops functioning in Nellore and Guntur districts during April 1949 (four weeks only) was as follows:--

Rice	1,101 tons
Wheat and wheat products	16 tons
Other grains	83 tons
	1,200 tons

As the introduction of rural rationing in the upland taluks of Nellore and Guntur districts has since been ordered, the relief shops working in those areas will be converted into rural ration shops soon.

(iv) Food Control Organisation:

Nothing special to report.

IV. Review of supplies, Movements and Prices:

(i) Stock and supply:

(a) Rice:- The total provincial stock decreased from 4,91,920 tons on 23rd April 1949 to 4,68,376 tons on 14th May 1949 due to increase in consumption and decrease in procurement. The stocks in the districts were adequate.

(b) Millets and Maize:

The stocks of maize and 'other grains' on 7th May 1949 were 6163 tons and 22612 tons respectively with about 4600 tons of maize under transit to the quota districts.

(c) Wheat and wheat products:

The stocks of wheat and wheat flour on 7-5-49 were 21,236 tons and 2258 tons respectively. Including the stocks in transit and those received on 13-5-49, the total stocks of wheat will be about 25,800 tons.

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(ii) Movements and Transport:

Movements by sea from the Northern Circars to Malabar continued during the fortnight under report. The supply of wagons in the Northern Circars was not adequate with the result that there was huge accumulation of stocks in the mills in the Krishna, West Godavari, and East Godavari districts. This was mainly due to the paucity of waggons and power shortage. Every effort is being made to clear stocks from the circars. The movements of rice from Tanjore to Coimbatore district were very slow due to inadequate supply of waggons. The Government are in constant touch with the railways in the matter.

(iii) Prices:

The statement below shows the provincial average retail prices of rice (second sort) cholam (jowar) and Cumbu (bajra) during the first fortnight of May 1949. The retail prices of these foodgrains fluctuated within narrow limits during the fortnight.

(Prices are in terms of rupees per Imperial maund)

Foodgrains	Prices on 14-5-1949	Prices a fortnight ago.	Prices a month ago.	Prices a year ago.
Rice (2nd sort)	15.58	15.63	15.71	18.81
Cholam (Jowar)	10.02	10.02	10.02	11.99
Cumbu (Bajra)	10.17	10.56	10.91	12.60

V. Miscellaneous and implementation of Revised Food Policy.

Nothing special to report.

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Superintendent,
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NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

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Stock and supply position

The stock position of foodgrains in the Province on 14-5-49 was as follows when compared with the stock position on 7-5-49.

Foodgrains	Stock on 7-5-1949 (Tons)	Stock on 14-5-1949 (in Tons)
Rice	4,72,244	4,68,370
Wheat	21,230	21,154
Maida	2,238	2,073
Semolina	3,590	3,392
Maize	6,163	5,712
Other grains	22,612	22,595
	5,34,103	5,23,302

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The statement of prices on pp. 9-14 c.f. may also be perused.

The case may be circulated to H.M. (Food), H.M.(P.W.) and H.E. for perusal.

Sd/ ** **
3-6-1949

Hon'ble Minister (Food)
Hon'ble Minister (Public Works)
His Excellency the Governor

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Superintendent,
Madras Record office. P.T.O

The file may now be sent to Public Works (I & P) for perusal and return.

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P.W. (I & P) Deptt.

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Food (D) Department.

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